(ग) क्या सरकार फिजूल खर्च को रोकने के लिये विभागों को कोई दिशा-निर्देश जारी करेगी ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लालकृष्ण आडवाणी) : (क) और (ख) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार वर्ष 1998–99 (अक्तूबर, 1998 तक) के दौरान मंत्रियों के सरकारी दौरों पर किया गया व्यय निम्न प्रकार है:–

(i) घरेलू यात्रा 2,30,54,495/- रु०

(ii) विदेश यात्रा 5,26,62,350/–रु०

मंत्रियों के सरकारी दौरों पर उनके साथ जाने वाले स्टाफ पर व्यय का ब्यौरा केन्द्रीय रूप से नहीं रखा जाता है । मंत्रियों के निजी दौरों पर हुये व्यय की सूचना भी नहीं रखी जाती है ।

(ग) और (घ) मंत्रियों द्वारा, देश के अंदर, उनकी सरकारी हैसियत में विभिन्न प्रयोजनों हेतु दौरे किये जाते हैं, जैसे कि राज्य सरकारों के प्रतिनिधियों के साथ बैठकें, जन सभाओं को संबोधित करना, विभिन्न समारोहों, सम्मेलनों में भाग लेना, इत्यादि तथा कार्य के स्वरूप और आकस्मिकता के आधार पर अपने कर्तव्यों का निर्वहन करना जहां तक विदेशी यात्राओं का संबंध है, मंत्रियों को यह सलाह दी जाती है कि वे विदेश यात्रा केवल तभी करें जब वह उनके विभागों से संबंधित कार्यों के निर्वहन के लिये अनिवार्य हो । मौजूदा दिशा निर्देशों के अनुसार दौरे के प्रयोजन को न्यायोचित ठहराना, दौरे से पहले पर्याप्त रूप से तैयारी का काम करना तथा विदेश मंत्रालय और प्रधानमंत्री की अनुमति लेना अपेक्षित है ।

Traffic Traps in Delhi

1919. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Lt. Governor and Police Commissioner of New Delhi were trapped in traffic for several hours on 24th November, 1998;

(b) whether it is a fact, that heavy traffic trap remaining for 12 hours experienced by Delhities on 24th November, 1998 was notified by Delhi Traffic Police;

(c) whether such traffic traps lasting for several hours is being experienced by Delhites on certain dates every year;

(d) whether traffic traps are also being experienced by commuters in South Delhi both in the morning and evening daily;

(e) if so, the names of areas district-wise where Delhitesies face untold miseries and inconvenience due to traffic trap; and

(f) the steps proposed by Government to remove traffic traps?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Delhi Traffic Police had issued a press release advertising motorists and road users to avoid the route of the procession, which was carried by several newspapers in their morning edition on 24th November, 1998.

(c) As and when there are religious processions or political rallies/processions in Delhi in which a large number of people join, the normal flow of traffic is adversely affected. However, Delhi Traffic Police makes suitable arrangements for diversion of traffic so as to reduce inconvenience to the commuters.

(d) and (e) The volume of traffic being very heavy on Ring Road between AIIMS and Lajpat Nagar crossing in South Delhi, there is a certain amount of congestion at peak hours. The other areas where there is some traffic congestion at peak hours and Chandni Chowk/ ISBT area in North District; Chawri Bazar and Jama Masjid area in Central District: Connaught Place area in New Delhi District Ring Road

between AIIMS and Lajpat Nagar crossings in South District; Dhaula Kuan area in South-West District; Raja Garden Chowk in West District; Vikas Marg in East District; and Shahdara in the North-East District.

(f) Delhi Traffic Police have formulated an action plan for better traffic management and all efforts are being made to ensure smooth flow of traffic in Delhi.

Leakage of IB report on Delhi Assembly Elections

1920. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether leaking of Intelligence Bureau report on Delhi Assembly elections has been reported in some columns of press, on 28th November 1998;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether such leakage on political reasons is an infringement of the Official Secrets Act;

(d) whether these reports also included the role of I.B. to explore the surveillance of political parties in opposition status is very serious;

(e) whether Government propose to take action against those responsible for such leakages; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. However, the newspaper reports that an Intellegence Bureau report on Delhi Assembly elections was leaked do not have any basis as, according to the Intelligence Bureau, no such report was submitted by the Bureau to the Government.

Revival of terrorism in Punjab

1921. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the presence in India of the terrorists' group which killed Tara Singh Hayer Editor Indo-Canadian Times, Vancouver, Canada;

(b) if so, who are these people; and

(c) whether if indicate in any way the revival of terrorism in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) According to available information, Shri Tara Singh Hayer, Editor of Indo-Canadian Times, Vancouver, Canada was killed by unknown assailants in Canada on 18th November, 1998. The Canadian police has not yet been able to identify the persons involved in the killing of Hayer.

(c) Shri Tara Singh Hayer had been adopting a moderate line and was critical of the role of "Babbar Khalsa International" and "International Sikh Youth Federation (Rode)". and had written a number of articles against their activities. The killing of Tara Singh Hayer appears to be an attempt on the part of Sikh militants based abroad to stifle any voice of dissent by moderate elements against their activities. It is also an attempt by the extremists abroad to thwart the moderate elements in their attempts to wrest control over Sikh Gurudwaras from militants in Canada and other western countries.